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	<p>J. KITTRELL, Moderator,</p> <p>J. E. JOHNSON, Clerk,</p> <p>J. C. ROBERTS, Treasurer,</p>	<p>Jonathan, Miss.</p> <p>Richton, Miss.</p> <p>Grafton, Miss.</p>
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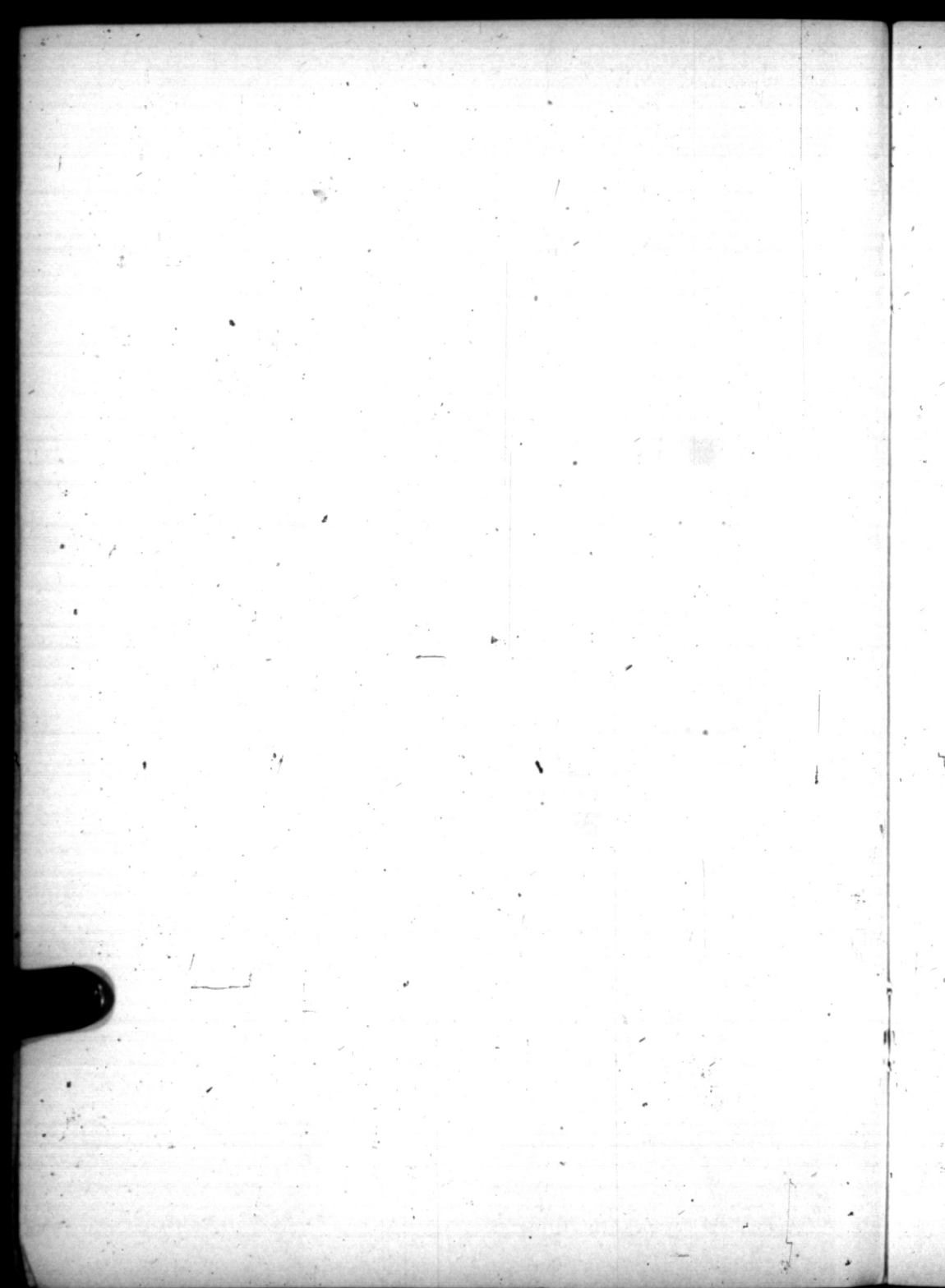
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Elder J. P. Griffin,	Pearce, Ala.
Elder C. M. Breland,	Merrill, Miss.
Elder R. B. Lee,	McLain, Miss.
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Jas. Beard.



MINUTES

OF THE

Leaf River Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

The delegates comprising the Leaf River Baptist Association met with Rocky Creek Church, Green county, Miss., for the purpose of holding its Sixteenth Annual Session today, Oct. 19, 1906. Rev. G. W. Ramer opened services by reading a portion of God's word and preaching a strong sermon of about 40 minutes duration to eager listeners.

Preaching over, dinner was spread and when all had eaten, the table looked as though it contained enough to feed the crowd again. The same thing might be said of Saturday's dinner.

The people of Rocky Creek don't do things by halves. Their new church building is an evidence of this fact.

Dinner over, the delegates assembled in the house and after song and prayer the body was declared by the Moderator in session for the transaction of business.

J. A. Cochran and C. P. Eubanks were selected as reading clerks.

Committee on Finance appointed by the Moderator: C. B. Lott, C. P. Smith and J. C. Roberts.

A call was made for church letters and the following were presented:

Washington — D. F. Bradley, J. W. Daughdrill, Alex Breland.

New Hope—J. R. Parker.

Mt. Pisgah—Luke Lott, E. R. Welford.

Sweet Water—J. D. Turner.

Cedar Grove—J. Kittrell, Edd Breland, S. R. Breland.

McLain—G. W. Rainer.

Sand Hill—J. C. Roberts.

Merrill—J. A. Cochran, J. M. Miller.

Pleasant Hill—Irvin Byrd, Luther Turner.

Lucedale—J. W. Cox.

Fair Hope—C. B. Lott, W. J. Jordan, E. F. Lott.

Buffalo—Not represented.

Macedonia—Not represented.

Rocky Creek—C. P. Eubanks, T. L. Creashaw, J. M. Mollett.

Fellowship—C. P. Smith, J. E. Kittrell.

Seminary—Not represented.

Moderator called for petitionary letters, to which no response was made.

Call made for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations. No response. Later messengers arrived from S. E. Association. Bro. N. S. Pierce representing, seated. Letter was presented by messenger from Red Creek Association and messenger seated.

The Association next went into the election of officers for the year 1907. S. Mollett and J. R. Hamblin appointed tellers to hold election. Election resulted as follows: Moderator J. Kittrell, Clerk J. E. Johnson, Treasurer J. C. Roberts.

By motion and second Bro. S. Mollett was seated as visiting minister.

Committees appointed as follows:

Preaching—C. P. Eubanks, Samuel Gibson, J. M. Mollett.

Education—J. R. Hamblin, J. A. Cochran, C. P. Eubanks.

Missions—G. W. Rainer, Alex Breland, J. W. Beard.

Sabbath Schools—J. R. Parker, J. W. Daughdrill, S. R. Breland.

Temperance—S. Mollett, C. P. Smith, Edd Breland.

Queries and Requests—C. B. Lott, W. J. Jordan, Irvin Byrd.

State of Religion—D. F. Bradley, Jno. Miller, Luther Turner.

Sustentation—E. R. Welford, J. W. Cox, J. C. Roberts.

Orphans Home—Luke Lott, Joe Kittrell, W. F. Lott, W. D. Pipkin.

Rules of Decorum read by clerk.

Messengers appointed to Sister Associations:

S. E. Association—Luke Lott.

Red Creek—Alex Breland, J. W. Daughdrill.

Macedonia—Luke Lott.

Tallahala—D. F. Bradley, W. J. Jordan.

Bro. J. R. Parker asked to be excused from further attendance at this session of Association and by vote of the Association the request was granted.

The Association now adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. Saturday the 20th.

SATURDAY—SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Moderator called association to order at 9 a.m. and work was begun at once.

Roll was called and absentees noted.

Reports were then called for, read, and adopted.

Education received and marked (a)

Missions received and marked (b)

Sunday Schools received and marked (c)

Temperance received and marked (d)

Sustentation received and marked (e)

State of Religion received and marked (f)

Orphans' Home received and marked (g)

Queries and Requests received and marked (h)

Finance received and marked (i)

Deceased ministers and deacons received and marked (j)

Preaching received and marked (k)

Missionary Board of Association of 1906 having accomplished nothing a vote was taken to determine whether it should be continued. Association will continue board. Bro. Alex Breland of Washington church and J. W. Stacy of Lucedale, were added to board. No other changes in board of 1906.

Association by majority vote changed time of meeting from Friday to Saturday.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved that the Association have (400) copies of minutes printed for the use of the churches and delegates; and that the clerk superintend the printing of same and that he receive the sum of \$15.00 for his services.

2. Resolved that the treasurer receive \$5.00 for his services for year 1907.

3. Resolved that we the delegates of and visitors to the Leaf River Baptist Association, held with Rocky Creek church

tender our thanks to Rocky Creek neighborhood for the kind, hospitable manner with which we have been treated while here.

Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Pisgah church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1907

J. K. KITTRELL, Moderator.

J. E. JOHNSON.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A.—EDUCATION.

Education comes from the latin word 'Educo' to lead out or to lead away.

Education is development, growth, power. It brings out the best there is in man Christ was thirty (30) years old before he began actively His work. He was always found in wisdom ways, even at the age of twelve (12) years he was found in the temple with the Doctors and Lawyers. From this time we believe He was preparing for the work God had assigned Him to do.

We can not believe He was idling about. Solomon said: "If thou seeketh her (wisdom) as silver and searchest for her as for hidden treasure; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord and find knowledge of God." (Prov. 2:5) Wherein did the secret of Rome's power lie? Was it not in the wisdom and development of her people? 450 years B. C. Rome had good schools in which the children were carefully instructed. From these schools came forth such men as Livy, Pliny, Horace, Cicero and Virgil. After the fall of Rome (774) when education went into oblivion, "The Dark Ages ruled for (600) years, the densest ignorance prevailed; God was forgotten, religion retrograded and Christians were persecuted and slain."

Moses had all the education the wise men of Egypt could give him before he began the work God assigned him.

God demands the first fruits, He demands the best that can be given by us. No man uneducated is at his best, therefore a man to give his best must be educated, he must be developed.

With the number of schools and colleges, the abundance and cheapness of literature, any one can be educated if he only will.

No excuse for the illiterate. God is alwise. To be as God would have us be we must seek of the wisdom and development.

EDUCATION.

We your committee on education beg leave to report:

And in the outset wish to state that after undergoing a prayerful consideration of the subject of education, that we find it to be one of the most essential parts of the human life; next to that of Christianity. It is conceded by all civilized nations of the world that the greater our literary knowledge, the deeper our conception of God's truths, as handed down to us from one generation to another, which were written by the apostles of our Lord, who were inspired men of God.

We notice again that education builds us up and causes us to have clearer ideas and better conceptions of everything about us, and places us upon a higher plan of Christianity and civilization. So if this be true it is certainly worthy of our most earnest and undivided attention.

And we your committee, do hereby make a special request that this question be put more and more before the people. Not only literary, but moral, social, and above all else spiritual education. So God being our helper let us all try to be worthy of the name we bear, and let us bear fruit along these lines

J. A. COCHRAN, Chairman.

B.—MISSIONS.

Doubtless the most momentous question that engages the attention of this body is missions! So the end that this great paramount commission by our Lord committed to us may be effectually discharged we are convened.

Take the missionary spirit out of our meetings and you rob them of their heart and life. Stripped of the spirit of missions the church the individual is shorn of its strength and power.

It is the vital force of Christian life and endeavor.

The bane of God's displeasure is set upon the church that refuses obedience to the highest duty enjoined upon it, giving the gospel to the world. The seal of God's approval is set upon that individual, that church, that congregation, which cheerfully, faithfully meets the obligation of carrying the beacon light of God's truth to the dark places of the earth.

We should, as a body, look around us and see the destitute places even here in our own beloved state and not only here but let us look beyond and we will behold Mexico, Africa, Japan and

China that are awakening to the needs of our Masters blessed truth, the only beacon light that will ever shine darkness out of their benighted souls.

G. W. RAINER, Chairman.

C.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make our report, and in consideration of the real value and worth of the Sabbath Schools to the children of our country it is best demonstrated in a rigid comparison of men, women and children, who are regular attendants of the Sabbath School to those who do not attend these schools.

We find the farmer perfectly familiar with the word of God, and more consecrated to the cause of Christ, and setting better examples before each other. Because God's Laws constrain us to do right, and when we attend these services we are more and more enlightened, and drawn closer to our Maker. This is well demonstrated in the expression that in unity there is strength. *

Then in conclusion we urge every delegate on his return to his church to see that he doesn't rest until he has fully organized a Sabbath School in his church for the sake of his family; and for the entire community, and especially for the honor of Him who suffered, bled and died upon the cross of Calvary.

J. A. COCHRAN.

D.—TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

We recognize the drink habit as being one of the greatest evils of our country, and one of the greatest curses to our churches, and one of the greatest enemies to religion. This evil should be opposed by every Christian, till it is banished from our beloved State and country.

Our churches should maintain a strict discipline against this evil. The youth of our country should be taught its evil consequence in our homes and in our Sunday Schools.

S. MOLLETT Chairman.

E.—SUSTENTATION.

We, your committee on Sustentation, beg leave to make the following report:

When our faithful servants, through old age, or other infirmities of life, are no longer able to take the field of labor in our Master's cause, we hear the great plaudit saying: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, take thy rest." Brethren, very few of our ministers, who are true to their calling, lay by anything to be used in old age. True, some are more fortunate than others, and the less fortunate ones are the ones who should receive our careful consideration.

The scriptures teach us that we should not rebuke an elder but treat him as a father. None of us would allow our father to suffer for the lack of the necessities of life, after he has spent his life for our education, food etc. These good brethren are our fathers and we must care for them and their widows and orphans.

E. R. WELFORD.

F.—STATE OF RELIGION.

There has been some progress in some of our churches. Some have reported revivals and some have not.

Brethren, we believe we should keep the wheels of Zion turning, and if we all come together and push they will keep turning.

Brethren, we believe that it is our duty to drive away the saloons and blind tigers as these are some of the great things that lead to the destruction of our boys. Let us work and pray God's blessings to remove this monster out of our midst.

D. F. BRADLEY.

G.—ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee on Orphans' Home, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that there are about 100 children in the home dependent on the Baptists of Mississippi, for their support, and we feel that we, as an association, ought to take some steps to help the Baptists of the State to support these orphan children.

We recommend that each church in this association ask for

a collection some time within the month of November or any at time they think best.

LUKE LOTT, Chairman.

\$26.25 made up at association for the orphanage.

H.—QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

We, your committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to report:

We find no Queries.

Several churches have requested that the Association convene with them next time. We recommend that the next meeting of this body be held at Sand Hill church, Greene, county, Miss., and that Bro. Alex Breland preach the next introductory sermon and Bro. R. B. Lee be his alternate.

C. B. LOTT, Chairman.

NOTE.—A vote was later taken on it and the association will meet with Mt. Pisgah church instead of Sand Hill.

J. E. JOHNSON, Clerk.

I.—FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to make our report:

We have examined treasurer's report and find same correct.

Remaining in Treasury.....	\$62.86
Received from churches.....	39.75
Received from Washington church home mission.....	4.00
Sabbath collection at Rocky Creek.....	25.00

Total in Treasury..... \$131.61

C. B. LOTT.

J.—DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Whereas, it has pleased God in His providence to call from our midst our beloved brother, Elder D. B. Booth, and we feel that in the death of Bro. Booth we have lost an able minister, a faithful and consecrated servant of God, that his life's work done he has passed from the shadow into the sunshine and has heard from his Father's life, "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

SAMUEL MOLLETT,

C. P. EUBANKS,

Committee

K.—PREACHING.

We, your committee on Preaching, report as follows:

We recommend that Bro. Alex Breland preach at church Friday night, Bro. Sam Mollett preach at Bro. J. M. Mollett's Friday night.

Elder Sam Mollett preach at church Saturday at 11 a. m.

Elder Alex Breland preach at residence of Bro. J. M. Mollett Saturday night.

Elder Mollett at church Saturday night, Sunday at 11 a. m.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptised upon a profession of faith, being convinced of the necessity and utility of a combination of churches of the same faith and order, do agree to unite ourselves into an Association upon the following principles:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in only one and true living God; and that there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; one and the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2nd. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by God; that they are of divine authority; that they contain the whole of the divine will and purposes as revealed to man, and that they are the only standard of divine truth and the only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the fall of Adam, and in him all his posterity; the total corruption of man's moral nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe in the everlasting love of God in His people in the eternal and unconditional election of all His spiritual children to grace and glory.

5th. We believe by the everlasting covenant, grace is treasured up in Christ to insure the generation, sanctification, preservation and preservice of all God's people so that none of them shall be finally lost.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

7th. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus who by the sanctification he has made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath forever redeemed his people from under the curse of the law that they might be accepted in the beloved.

8th. We believe that good work, is meritorious, that they are the fruits of faith and follow after justification; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteousness and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10th. We believe that foot washing is an example practiced by Christ, and that it is a duty to practice it.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1st. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep a Godly discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

2nd. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and law-giver of his church, and the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3rd. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in his church until his second coming.

4th. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5th. We believe nothing but regularly baptised church members have the right to partake of the Lord's supper.

6th. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinance of the gospel, and to give themselves as members of the visible church.

7th. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrine contrary to the scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen

by the church to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Leaf River Baptist Association.

2nd. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3rd. They shall produce letters certifying to their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, ex-communicated and deceased during the preceding associational year, with the total number of fellowship and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4th. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the members present; said Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association until a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5th. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letters and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6th. Each church shall have three delegates and no more, who shall be entitled to seats in the body and to vote. All ministers of the same faith and order are invited to sit with us, to aid us in counsel.

7th. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be to merely explain the articles of faith of this Association.

8th. Every motion made and seconded shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9th. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10th. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11th. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall

rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12th. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

13th. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any subject in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat and put the question to the body.

14th. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but appeal from such decisions may be taken to the whole which shall decide without debate.

15th. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the vote is taken.

16th. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17th. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18th. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when necessary.

20th. The minutes shall be read, carefully corrected and signed by the Moderator and clerk before Association arises.

21st. A motion for final adjournment shall be constructed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22nd. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

23rd. Immediately after the organization of the Association the Rules of Order shall be read from the chair.

24th. The foregoing shall be subject to alternation or amendment at any regular meeting of Association.

FORM OF LETTER.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

.....County.

The regular Baptist church at.....(here insert name of church) to Leaf River Association, Greeting:

Dear Brethren: We again prepare to meet you by letter

and by delegates, and for this purpose have chosen our beloved brethren

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to sit with you in council, to whom we refer you for any information not contained in our statistical table, which is as follows:

Baptized.....; received by letter.....; restored.....;
dismissed by letter.....; ex-communicated.....; deceased.....;
total fellowship.....; number of copies of minutes.....;
we send for associational purposes, \$.....; for home missions,
\$.....; our supply is.....; time of meeting is.....; ordained
ministers.....; licentiates.....; our postoffice is.....
Remarks.....

STATISTICAL TABLE

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